



**A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WESLACO CITY COMMISSION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014**

On this 5th day of September 2014 at 5:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present:

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| Mayor Pro-Tem | J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar |
| Commissioner | David R. Fox |
| Commissioner | Olga M. Noriega |
| Commissioner | Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla |
| Commissioner | Lupe Rivera |
| Commissioner | Fidel L. Pena, III |
| City Manager | Leonardo Olivares |
| City Secretary | Elizabeth M. Walker |

Also present: Juan Salas, IT Department; David Salinas, Public Utilities Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, City Engineer/Interim Planning Director; Interim Chief Sergio Ramirez, Police Department; Oscar Garcia, Public Facilities Director, and other staff members and citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Certification of Public Notice.
Mayor-Pro Tem Cuellar called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Tuesday, September 2, 2014.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor-Pro Tem Cuellar recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas flag.
- C. Roll Call.
Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting the absence of Mayor Suarez.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2014-15 annexing a maximum of 1,253.74 acres of land into the City of Weslaco, located in Hidalgo County, Texas, which is contiguous to the city limits and hereinafter described; as shown in the attached exhibit; making findings of fact; providing a severability clause; providing an effective date; and providing for open meetings and other related matters. First Reading of Ordinance 2014-15. Possible action. (Public Hearings held July 28 and 29, 2014; Staffed by Planning and Code Enforcement Department.) Attachment.

The City Manager stated there are eight tracts proposed for annexation with less than

100 properties per tract. He explained that the City is not required to annex all eight tracts, but upon annexation, soft services must be made available immediately and hard services within two-and-a-half years; staff's recommendation is to annex only tracts 1-6. Tracts 1-3, located south of Mile 10 North, would fill the lollipops; Tract 4 is located just west of Westgate Drive; and Tracts 5 and 6 are just north of Mile 12. He noted tracts 7 and 8 could be annexed as well, but response times would need to be further considered for that area.

In response to the City Manager, Mr. Mardoqueo Hinojosa stated that assumptions on the return on investment include a 2% population growth with a multiplier of 3.5 people per home. Tract 4 incurs the cost of a new lift station, of approximately \$2 million; Tracts 4-8 would share the cost for providing a new public safety station in that area to ultimately provide better response times. Commissioner Fox recommended creating a memorandum of understanding with the Sheriff's Department in that area to provide services to the residents within tracts 7 and 8. Commissioner Pena requested the costs of hard services for all tracts.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve Ordinance 2014-15 annexing a maximum of 1,253.74 acres of land, identified as Tracts 1-8, into the City of Weslaco, located in Hidalgo County, Texas, which is contiguous to the city limits and hereinafter described; as shown in the attached exhibit; making findings of fact; providing a severability clause; providing an effective date; and providing for open meetings and other related matters. The motion carried with Commissioners Pena and Noriega opposed; Mayor Pro Tem-Cuellar was present and voting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, at 5:48 p.m. Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to adjourn the September 5, 2014 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Pro-Tem Cuellar was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

(absent)

MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth M. Walker

MAYOR PRO-TEM, J.F. "Johnny" Cuellar

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